

MINUTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Smithville Independent School District was held on Monday, December 12, 2022 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Smithville ISD Administrative Building, PO Box 479, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.

Members present: Grant Gutierrez, Michael Hancock, Alan Hemphill, Chris Hinnant, Josh Magden, Candice Parsons, Nancy Towry

Others present: Stephanie Foster, Noe McCarthy, Zack Harris, Tucker Copeland, Michael Caudill, Lindsey Saunders, Amanda Gommert, Bethany Logan, Jean Ann McCarthy, Cheryl McNeil, Cody McNeil, Sara Browning, Christine Hodges, Whitney Brown, Rebecca Hamilton, Trish Kubena, Cheryl Burns, Denise Behrens

Call to Order – The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call – The Board President called the roll of members. All were present.

Student Led Pledge of Allegiance – Students representing the House System at Smithville Elementary led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those students are Alaynna Brown, Elle Browning, Audrianna Risinger, Julias Allison, Addisyn McNeil - 3rd Grade, Kynlee Hodges and Hazel Wells.

Public Communications – There were no speakers signed up to address the Board.

Consent Agenda – Alan Hemphill moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Michael Hancock seconded the motion and it passed 7-0.

1. Minutes
2. Financial Statements
3. Investment Report
4. State Aid Comparison - Budgeted vs. Earned
5. Earned vs. TEA Payments
6. Tax Collection Report

Financial Report – The Chief Financial Officer, Jean Ann McCarthy, reviewed the financial disbursements for the previous month with the Board of Trustees. No action was required.

Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent shared the following information with the Board of Trustees:

SISD Instructional/Curriculum Program Highlight: TEKS Resource System – The Board is presented with curriculum and program area highlights on a regular basis. The purpose of each presentation is to keep the Board informed of the academic progress within the district and on campuses. Dr. Logan shared highlights of the TEKS Resource System.

Safety and Security Update – Dr. Michael Caudill, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board on measures being taken in the district to address safety and security for students and staff.

Discuss Possible Increase in Substitute Pay – The Board requested a discussion regarding the current salary for substitute teachers. Mrs. McCarthy provided the TASB Salary Report for Substitutes for 2022-2023 and options were discussed.

Tentative January Agenda Items – Tentative items to be included on the January board meeting agenda are:

- a. Public Hearing - Texas Academic Performance Report
- b. Board Recognitions
- c. Financial Report
- d. Superintendent's Report
- e. District Improvement Plan Mid-Year Update
- f. Call for Regular School Board Election, May 6, 2023
- g. Consider Approval of Election Services Contract with Fayette County, Bastrop County and Joint Election Contract with City of Smithville
- h. Personnel
- i. Superintendent's Evaluation/Contract Renewal

Approval of Expenditure in Excess of \$50,000 – The purpose of this agenda item was to authorize the replacement of rusted gutters at the High School. The project will replace all of the gutters on the low sloping roofs and will take approximately 2-3 weeks for completion. SISD intends to utilize the services of TIPS Coop vendor, Parsons Roofing, in the amount of \$58,518.00. Nancy Towry moved to approve the expenditure as presented. Josh Magden seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Resignations of Certified Personnel – There were no resignations to report.

Employment of Certified Personnel – According to Board Policy DC [Local], the Superintendent has the authority to make recommendations to the Board regarding the selection of all personnel. There were no recommendations for employment.

Superintendent's Self-Evaluation Submission to the Board of Trustees and Distribution of Evaluation Materials – Board Policy BJCD [Legal] requires the Board to annually evaluate the Superintendent. One part of the appraisal process involves the superintendent completing and providing to Board members a self-evaluation. Mrs. Burns distributed her self-evaluation to the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment – The Board ended its meeting at 7:05pm.